

## Regional Unity Walk



Get your walking shoes ready in celebration of cultural diversity at the

Regional Unity Walk and Diversity Festival on Saturday, Jan. 31. Join several Valley cities as they "Walk for Unity in Our Community."

The festival features a welcome by dignitaries, entertainment, jump houses for the kids and food. Families, community organizations, scout groups, school clubs and church groups are welcome. Walkers may carry flags, signs or banners announcing their group's identity and promoting diversity. Each walker will receive a free T-shirt.

Both walking routes are approximately one mile, ending at Tempe Beach Park. Walkers should arrive at their assembly points by 10 a.m. The walk begins at 10:30 a.m. Participants from Chandler, Gilbert and Scottsdale meet at the Town Lake Marina; those from Tempe, Guadalupe, and Mesa meet at the Tempe Beach Park amphitheater.

The walk, all activities and food at the festival are free. The festival ends at noon. Transportation will be provided back to the assembly points. For more information, call 480-350-8979 or visit [www.tempe.gov/diversity](http://www.tempe.gov/diversity) for a map to the assembly points.



## 26th Annual Cactus Bowl

Kickoff for the 26th Annual Cactus Bowl is 8:15 p.m. on Jan. 2 at Sun Devil Stadium. Tickets start at \$20 plus fees. Visit [www.fiestabowl.org/cactus-bowl.php](http://www.fiestabowl.org/cactus-bowl.php) for seats and game information. Get to downtown

Tempe early for dinner, shopping and fun. Visit [www.downtowntempe.com](http://www.downtowntempe.com) for information on transportation, parking, restaurants and shops.



## Circle K New Year's Eve Block Party

It's Arizona's best party! The Circle K New Year's Eve Block Party on Mill Avenue will bring great bands, awesome DJs and all sorts of Tempe-style fun. More than 30,000 of

your closest friends will ring in 2015 here, so make this your party. Take photos of you and your friends, Tweet them to #TEMPENYE and see them on the big screen. The Kids Zone stays open until 10:30 p.m. with carnival rides, games and music. Fireworks shows at 10 p.m. and midnight will ring in 2015. Tickets are available at Circle K stores. Visit [www.blockpartyonmill.com](http://www.blockpartyonmill.com).

## Bulk trash changes coming in January

Tempe is enhancing its mixed bulk trash and green organics program by adding more frequent service and giving residents the option to recycle their green waste instead of throwing it away.

The City of Tempe reached out to residents for feedback on how to improve the bulk trash service and schedule. Based on that feedback, the following changes go into effect in January:

- Mixed bulk pickups will increase from two times a year to every other month, for a total of six pickups. All of this material will go to the landfill.
- Green organics pickup is an optional service that will occur seasonally in spring, summer and fall, to coincide with the growing and trimming seasons. This material will be recycled and turned into nutrient-rich compost that is used at city parks, schools and community gardens. Residents who use this service should create two separate piles – one for mixed bulk and one for the green organics.

Residents should place their items out no sooner than 10 days prior to the Monday of their collection week and no later than 6 a.m. on that Monday. To find your 2015 schedule, and to learn more about the city's composting efforts, visit [www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash](http://www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash).

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## Christmas tree dropoff sites

Residents can recycle Christmas trees at the following locations – 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Jan. 30:

- Tempe's Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive
- Kiwanis Park parking lot west of Kiwanis Park Recreation Center, 6111 W. All-America Way

Before dropping off any Christmas trees, remove tree stands and nails, ornaments, lights, garland and tinsel. The trees will be chipped and recycled into compost materials. For more information, call 480-350-4311, email [tempe311@tempe.gov](mailto:tempe311@tempe.gov) or visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling).

## City of Tempe holiday collection schedule

Residential trash and recycling collection scheduled for Christmas Day will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 24. Friday trash and recycling collection will remain the same. Service scheduled for New Year's Day will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 31. The Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive (480-858-2223), is unaffected by both holidays. For information, visit [www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash](http://www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash).

## Councilmembers take office Jan. 15

Robin Arredondo-Savage, Lauren Kuby and David Schapira have been elected to the Tempe City Council. They will be sworn into office at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, in the City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St. The ceremony will be broadcast on Tempe 11 on air and via live streaming and replays at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).

## New Tempe Police mobile app

The Tempe Police Department has launched a new, free mobile app to make it easy for residents to stay informed on current issues affecting public safety. In addition to the new smartphone app, the department has re-designed and re-launched its Facebook (Tempe Police Facebook) and Twitter (@tempepolice) pages. Public safety alerts, crime prevention tips, crime tip submission, sex offender alerts, videos, police officer and support staff recruitments, upcoming community events and breaking news are among the information available on several technology platforms in addition to the website at [www.tempe.gov/police](http://www.tempe.gov/police).

## Tempe lauded for bike program; Councilmember honored with Blue Sky Award



Tempe was named 2014 Outstanding Bicycle Program winner at the Valley Metro Clean Air Campaign awards program in October. Councilmember Shana Ellis was honored with the Blue Sky Award for her work to support accessible and affordable public transportation options for all residents.

Ellis has championed the Valley's first streetcar system, supported enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities and advocated for creating a truly regional bus system in the Valley. She was elected to the City Council in 2006 and re-elected in 2010. During that time, Tempe's transportation system has grown from 7.6 million boardings in 2006 to 12.1 million boardings in 2013. She is a member and past chair of both the Valley Metro/RPTA and Metro Rail Board of Directors, and received the 2012 MAG Desert Peaks Award for Regional Excellence in Transportation.

Tempe has more than 175 miles of bikeways, including on-street bike lanes, protected bike lanes and shared-use pathways. Tempe promotes bicycling as a viable means of transportation, with two major community events each year – Tour de Tempe and Bike to Work Day.

## Tempe earns perfect score in national LGBT equality ranking

The City of Tempe has earned a perfect score of 100 in the 2014 Human Rights Campaign Foundation's annual Municipal Equality Index, a gauge of how cities are doing on LGBT equality issues.

On Nov. 12, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation announced its 2014 rankings and Tempe elected officials, staff, residents and community partners gathered for a celebration of the distinction. Among Arizona cities rated by the organization in 2014, Tempe was joined in a perfect score by Phoenix and Tucson. In 2013, its first year on the list, Tempe scored a 72 out of 100. Tempe's 2014 rating can be read at <http://bit.ly/1wm3Ro4>.

Tempe has a history of valuing diversity and taking action to prevent discrimination.

In 1999, the city was one of the first in Arizona to begin providing domestic partner benefits. In February 2014, the City Council unanimously approved an anti-discrimination ordinance that secured broad protections for all community members. In August, Tempe voters resoundingly approved an amendment to the city Charter (more than 68 percent approval) to prohibit discrimination or favor for city positions on the basis of race, color, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, familial status, age, disability, political affiliation and United States military veteran status, except as such favor may be authorized by law. Protections apply to employment at the city and at businesses in Tempe, as well as to contracts, housing, public places and appointments to city Boards and Commissions.

## New paths at Town Lake



A handful of path projects in Tempe and neighboring cities will expand opportunities for people to bike, walk and run along the Rio Salado, connecting

Tempe Town Lake, major recreation and entertainment centers and previously inaccessible riparian habitat areas. As part of Tempe's commitment to building one of the best bicycle and pedestrian systems in the country, the city will add more than two miles of shared use pathway along the banks of the Rio Salado along with two underpasses – one beneath Priest Drive and one beneath the 101-202 interchange – over the next several months.

On the west end of Tempe's Rio Salado pathway system, a new 1-mile section of pathway is set to open in early 2015 along the south bank from Priest Drive to State Route 143 at the Tempe-Phoenix border. The scenic path, which runs atop the river levee, is a 10-foot wide concrete surface that will include the iconic, artist-designed Rio Salado light pole and a safety railing. In addition, Tempe will begin construction in early 2016 on a bicycle and pedestrian underpass beneath Priest Drive, connecting sections of shared-use pathway on both sides of the street.

On the east end, the city and the Arizona Department of Transportation have started work on a 1.25-mile section of pathway extending from the city's east border with Mesa to McClintock Drive, where it will connect with four miles of existing path that runs along the Rio Salado and Tempe Town Lake. The Rio Salado East Shared Use Path is being built along the top and in the side of the river levee, with views into the riparian areas in the river channel bed.

Total cost for Tempe's new pathway sections and underpasses is approximately \$4.5 million, with the majority of funding coming from federal grants. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/bike](http://www.tempe.gov/bike).

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## Tempe ramps up water conservation programs

Tempe is enhancing several programs to make it easier for residents to conserve water and save money while they're at it. Here are a few ways you can make a difference and help sustain Tempe's water supply now and for years to come.

- **Home water audits:** A water conservation representative will analyze your water use, check your pipes and make recommendations on how you can manage your water use more efficiently.
- **Ultra low-flow toilet rebates:** The city offers up to a \$75 rebate for toilets that use 1.28 gallons of water or less. Previously, the standard was 1.6 gallons per flush. This new standard will help conserve even more water. After Jan. 1, the 1.6-gallon-per-flush toilets will no longer be rebated.
- **Landscaping rebates:** The city will reimburse residential homeowners \$.25 per square foot for converting or installing a desert landscape.
- **Greywater harvesting:** Repurpose water from washing machines, showers, and baths into your yard and the city will reimburse 50 percent of costs incurred for installing a greywater system (up to \$200).
- **Industrial Grants Program:** Tempe offers a 25-50 percent rebate of a proposed project up to \$20,000 to industrial businesses that can achieve a 15 percent sustained reduction in overall metered water use.

These programs will help the city reach its new water conservation goal of 115 gallons per capita per day (GPCD) by 2020. GPCD is a common tool for measuring water use and represents the average amount of water used by each resident in a day. Learn more at [www.tempe.gov/waterconservation](http://www.tempe.gov/waterconservation).

## Heed 'No Burn Day' warnings

# CLEAN AIR MAKE MORE

Nothing beats a warm fire on a cool Tempe night, especially during the holiday season. But sometimes wood-burning fires can do more harm than good. The Valley's air quality is dangerously close to falling below federal

health standards, which could mean heftier fines on top of polluted air. That's why it's so important to cooperate on No Burn Days.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) regularly conducts tests on particulate matter (PM) to ensure our air quality meets federal and state guidelines. On days when PM is expected to be too high, a health watch or high pollution advisory is issued, resulting in a No Burn Day. Residents are not allowed to burn wood in their fireplaces, stoves, chimneys and fire pits on these days. Historically, pollution levels are higher in winter and often on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Here's the good news – you don't have to miss out on your holiday experience. Gas or electric fireplaces are perfectly fine to use. Check out [www.tempe.gov/airquality](http://www.tempe.gov/airquality) for more information and visit [www.cleanairmakemore.com](http://www.cleanairmakemore.com) to sign up for No Burn Day alerts.



## Calendar

**This is the tentative December/January schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.**

### December 4, 2014

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

### January 8, 2015

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

### January 15, 2015

6:30 p.m., Swearing-In Ceremony  
of elected Councilmembers

### January 29, 2015

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates, times and locations with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk).

**Meetings are aired live  
on Tempe 11 and  
[www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).**

## Tempe City Council

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## News you can use

### P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Arizona Marathon & ½ Marathon

On Sunday, Jan. 18, about 25,000 runners will compete when the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Arizona Marathon & ½ Marathon runs through Tempe, Phoenix and Scottsdale. The annual event has a major, positive economic impact on Tempe. The city and marathon planners make every effort to ensure that north Tempe is as accessible as possible on this day. Free-ways will be open but expect delays. It is recommended that you drive around the courses rather than trying to cross them if you need to travel in these areas. For information on road closures, traffic restrictions and bus detours, visit [www.tempe.gov/streetclosures](http://www.tempe.gov/streetclosures). For event details, visit <http://arizona.competitor.com>.

### Next College Connect workshop is Jan. 31

The College Connect L.I.F.T. workshop series continues to provide guidance on the college application process for high school students looking to attend college. The upcoming workshop from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Tempe Public Library will focus on the FAFSA, including assistance filling it out, as well as overview of College Goal Sunday. College Connect Tempe is designed to assist young people in fulfilling their dreams of post-secondary education. The program provides students and their families with the resources and tools necessary to navigate the college process. Through a series of free workshops, participants learn how to apply for college and pay for it through financial aid, scholarships or both. The community-based program is a collaborative partnership among the City of Tempe, Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary School District, Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, University of Advancing Technology, Mesa Community College and Rio Salado Community College. To register for the workshop, visit [www.collegeconnecttempe.com](http://www.collegeconnecttempe.com).

### Search is on for 2015 neighborhood honorees

Community gardens, earth-friendly landscaping, graffiti patrols and creative alley gates are just a few examples of how Tempeans make a difference in their communities. To honor residents who go above and beyond the call of neighborly duty, Tempe is accepting nominations for the 2015 State of the Neighborhood Awards. Superstar neighbors can be nominated in the following categories:

#### Neighbor of the Year:


Someone who puts the 'neighbor' in neighborhoods by strengthening outreach and involvement

#### Property Beautification:

Properties that provide an outstanding contribution to their neighborhoods through improvement projects, impeccable maintenance or holiday decor

**Alley Upkeep:** Residents who recognize their side of the alley is their responsibility to keep neat and tidy

Nominations are due by Feb. 13. Nominees and winners will be recognized by the Mayor and Council at The State of the Neighborhood Awards and Workshops on Saturday, April 18.

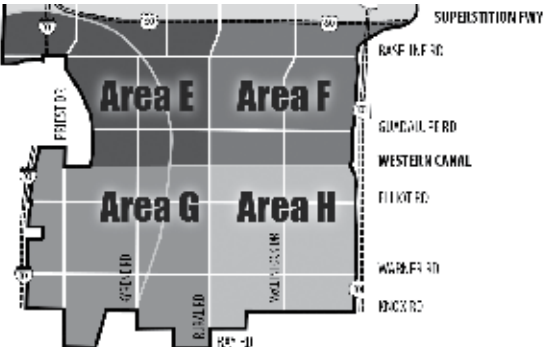


## JANUARY 2015

### Mixed Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	JAN 5-9	MIXED BULK WASTE
Area F	JAN 12-16	
Area G	JAN 19-23	
Area H	JAN 26-30	

Items may be placed for collection no earlier than 10 days prior to Monday of your collection week and no later than 6 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.



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